

## ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP NEW ROCHELLE BANKER

Mr. Balletto Believes Assailants  
Members of Mafia.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The police of New Rochelle are investigating an attempt made early yesterday by two men, believed to be members of the Mafia Society, to kidnap Thomas Balletto, a wealthy banker, who lives in Mechanic Street.

Mr. Balletto was aroused about 2 o'clock in the morning by a loud knock at his door. Responding to the call, he found a runabout containing two men standing in front of the house. The strangers wore ulsters and slouch hats, which entirely concealed their faces. When the banker appeared they sprang upon him and ordered him to go with them. Balletto pleaded with the men to let him go.

At first he thought they were some friends playing an April fool joke. He was in his night clothes, and as he had been ill, pleaded that he would catch more cold. The stranger tried vainly to drag him toward the rig. Then one of them drew a long stiletto and flourished it in his face.

Mr. Balletto realized that they were in earnest. They told him that if he did not go with them they would kill him on the spot. He succeeded in breaking from them, and ran upstairs, where he got his revolver and began shooting from a window. The shots attracted Patrolman Bals, who came running just as the strangers drove away.

Later in the morning a general alarm was sent out, and two men who were driving without a light were arrested. They said they were Antonio Rafele and Louis Reth, of Mount Vernon. Mr. Balletto believes they are the men that tried to kidnap him. They were held for trial. The banker is at a loss to understand why the Mafia should have singled him out for punishment, unless it be that he is a deputy sheriff, and has served many warrants on his fellow-countrymen.

## TEACHER SHOT BY PUPIL HE FLOGGED

Nephew of Senator Latimer of South  
Carolina, His Assailant.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 3.—J. F. Harper, principal of the Lowndesville school in Abbeville county, was shot twice this afternoon by a pupil, James Latimer, seventeen years old, a nephew of United States Senator A. C. Latimer.

Mr. Harper was informed yesterday that some older boys were going to absent themselves because of his being "All Fools' Day." He warned them against it. They did not obey, and this afternoon the principal ordered those who had played hooky to remain in. He said he would whip each one, and began on young Latimer.

The pupil produced an iron rod and resisted. This was taken from him. Then he drew a revolver and fired twice. One shot struck a button and drove it into Mr. Harper's face. The other was diverted from his heart by glancing on a rib.

Latimer fled. He is the son of one of the most prominent merchants in the county. It was believed at first that Mr. Harper was killed, but he will probably recover.

## "DID IT WITH HIS LITTLE REVOLVER"

Suicide Leaves Joking Note for the  
Coroner.

ROCHESTER, April 3.—The body of Frederick I. Stichbins was discovered in a clump of evergreens in Genesee Valley park by two boys yesterday morning. There was a bullet hole in the head and a pistol near by, as well as this note, dated March 27:

"To the Coroner: To save you investigating, I wish to say that I was not held up and murdered for my money. I did it with my little revolver."

The handwriting tallies with some found at his home, and it is believed to be a case of suicide.

## SEARCH FOR RELATIVES OF DEAD MAN ENDS HERE

The search for relatives of Edward O'Connell, who died several days ago at Anacosta, Mont., ended yesterday, when John O'Connell, an employee of the District, called at police headquarters and told Captain Boardman he was a brother of the dead man. A dispatch was received here last Monday that O'Connell had relatives in Washington, but no trace of them could be found until the appearance of the brother.

## PUBLIC WORK ORDERED.

Following are items of public work authorized by the District Commissioners through the Engineer Department:

That 180 feet, more or less, of 6-inch water main be laid in Thirteenth Street south of C Street southeast, at an estimated cost of \$180.

That 200 feet, more or less, of 6-inch water main be laid in M Street, west from Twelfth Street northeast, at an estimated cost of \$260.

That the Blair Road from Takoma south to Bates Road be resurfaced at places at an estimated cost of \$100, chargeable to the current appropriation for repairs to roads.

That the compensation of George F. Sacer, superintendent of construction in the office of the Building Inspector, be increased from \$2.50 to \$4 per day, to take effect April 1, 1903.

That the time for the completion of contract No. 3154 with the Coffin Valve Company for furnishing valve castings be extended until April 30, 1903, without penalty or cost of inspection.

That 440 feet, more or less, of 6-inch water main be laid in Massachusetts Avenue eastward from Thirteenth Street southeast, at an estimated cost, including the erection of one fire hydrant, of \$24.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY STATES

### VIRGINIA NOTES.

RICHMOND. With the galleries and the railing packed with advocates of the Jamestown Tercentenary Exposition, their white ribbon badges fluttering, their house yesterday reconsidered the vote by which the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the exposition had been rejected, and passed the measure. There was a shout of applause when the vote to reconsider was announced—yeas, 59; nays, 27. Then the bill came up on its passage, and it went through on the crest of the tidal wave that has swept the city from the eastern part of the State. The vote was 58 to 20.

The finance committee reported the general revenue bill, of which the Mann bill is a part, rejecting all the senate amendments. An effort was made to have the rest of the measure agreed to, and have the house re-enact the Mann bill. Though this did not succeed, the advocates of the Mann bill regarded it as significant that the motion for a conference committee was not successful, and a motion to pass by until today prevailed.

The house agreed to the senate amendments to the bill creating the office of commissioner of State hospitals and defining his powers and duties and regulating the conduct of these institutions. The bill leaves the salaries of the State hospital superintendents as fixed by the house originally, which are as follows: Eastern, \$2,000; western, \$2,250; central, \$2,500; southwestern, \$1,800.

The Edmondson good roads measure, which was amended so as to embrace some of the features of the Lassiter-Murcell bill, was ordered to its engrossment, which means its passage today.

One of the most interesting and important bills engrossed by the house was that by Mr. Caton, of Alexandria, for the protection of wholesale merchants against the fraudulent sale in bulk of stocks of goods purchased by retail merchants.

The only important action taken in the senate yesterday was the concurrence in the house resolution for an adjournment from May 15 until November 10 and the appointment of a committee of revision and final adjustment.

The body of a white man found in the canal basin at the Tripp shipyard yesterday morning was identified as that of Sidney Luck, of Fulton, who disappeared from his home last Christmas Eve.

### NORFOLK AND VICINITY.

W. H. Taylor, sheriff of Hertford county, North Carolina, was complainant in the Norfolk police court yesterday against Edward Brown and C. M. Sturges, who, he charges, with Leon Marshall and Arthur Winn, fleeced him of \$250 in a poker game. The hearing was continued until Marshall and Winn can be apprehended. Brown and Sturges were held without bail.

A raft of logs, reported to be half a mile long, was washed ashore two miles south of Dam Neck Life-Saving station yesterday afternoon. The owner is unknown.

Norfolk exports for March amounted to \$329,241, against \$336,099 for February.

The torpedo boat Stewart left the navy yard yesterday morning for Annapolis after a satisfactory trial trip in the Chesapeake Bay. The Truxtun left in the afternoon for her trial trip over the Barren Island course.

Judge Waddill has issued an order summoning Captain Thomas, of the United States receiving ship Franklin, to appear in the United States Court today in habeas corpus proceedings instituted by the parents of Adam J. Schreiber, of Albany, N. Y., who want to secure the discharge of their son from the navy. They claim he was not of age when he enlisted.

Lloyd Roberts and Robert Mapes, two car repairers employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, at Newport News, were instantly killed yesterday while at work under a car which was jacked up on the repair track near the car shed. W. M. Penton, also a repairer, had his leg broken and was otherwise injured and may die.

Annie Netfall, a German girl residing in Chicago, entered suit in Newport News yesterday for breach of promise against Harry A. Morowitz, placing the damages at \$5,000.

### THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

In the trial at Bristol of Ella Baker Gray, a negro, for the murder of C. M. Chester, a West Virginia traveling man, at Abingdon on the night of January 22, the jury yesterday brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree and fixed the woman's punishment at sixteen years in the penitentiary. There were no eyewitnesses to the tragedy.

J. W. Augustus, against whom George R. Kingler obtained a verdict on Wednesday in the Staunton corporation court for \$2,000, assigned yesterday. His liabilities are said to be \$8,000.

The south-bound local passenger train on the Southern Railway, which left Bristol yesterday morning for Knoxville, was in a serious wreck at Afton, fifty miles south of Bristol, which resulted in the injuring of a number of passengers. The passenger train being detained at Afton, a flagman was sent back, but had no time to stop a freight train following. The freight locomotive plowed almost through an empty Pullman car attached to the rear of the passenger train. The Pullman car saved twenty passengers in the coach ahead from being killed.

The postoffice at Warm Springs was robbed Wednesday night of \$400 in stamps and about \$10 in cash. The entrance was made by prizing the lock from the door.

### MARYLAND NOTES.

#### ANNAPOLIS.

The court of appeals yesterday rendered a number of decisions and adjourned till April 14, when the hearing of cases will be resumed. Judge Schmucker delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the decree of the lower court, in the case of the Dundalk, Sparrows Point, and North Point Railway Company, to the effect that the power to cross navigable streams of the State is not to be exercised under the general incorporation law, but must be derived from the Legislature.

In an oratorical contest held at St. John's College last night, open to all the classes, Amos W. Woodcock, 1903, of Salisbury, Md., was chosen to represent St. John's College at the intercollegiate oratorical contest to be held in Westminster, April 24. Charles A. Cummins, 1902, was elected alternate.

#### WESTERN MARYLAND.

A freight train broke in two at Cook's Mills, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, eight miles north of Cumberland, last evening, and the detached portions coming together, derailed seventeen loaded coal cars, eleven of which were much damaged.

Mayor Holzapfel, of Hagerstown, sent his annual message and financial statement to the city council last night. The bonded debt of the town is now \$135,700. The mayor recommends the extension of the drainage system, street paving with vitrified bricks and additional improvements of the lighting plant.

Mayor Holzapfel last night made the following appointments of Republicans, who were all confirmed unanimously by the Democratic council, breaking the deadlock that has continued for over a year: Street commissioner, Ex-Mayor S. M. Bloom, who succeeds Dr. E. A. Warham, Democrat; city clerk, J. Oscar Beard; tax collector, C. Edward Heard; city engineer, Elmer E. Piper.

#### THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

At the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church at Pocomoke, President Little yesterday presented his report, which shows a number of new churches and parsonages have been built. Bequests amounting to nearly \$11,000, for benevolent purposes, have been received. Over 2,000 conversions have occurred and 2,700 conversions have been made to the churches. The sum of \$64,000 has been expended in building and improvements; twenty-one charges have increased salaries of pastors for the ensuing year. The Rev. T. H. Lewis, president of Western Maryland College, who preached the conference sermon, gave a historical review of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The board of managers of the Maryland House of Correction held its regular monthly meeting at the institution at Jessup yesterday. Those present were Governor John Walter Smith, State Treasurer Murray Vandiver, Dr. C. A. Wells, John A. Starns, R. T. Richardson, R. D. Hynson, Alexander R. Hager, and Major E. Y. Goldsborough. Superintendent J. Jesse Moore submitted his monthly report, showing that there were 481 inmates, 443 of whom are males, and 38 females. The cost of maintaining these prisoners is 51-5 cents per capita. The income to the institution from the various sources employing prison labor amounted to \$2,324.88. This is the largest amount of revenue ever earned by the house of correction prisoners during any single month.

The Howard county commissioners awarded the contracts for the improvement of the Highland Road to Horace P. Wilson and Michael H. Cooney, the lowest bidders.

The trial of James Reynolds, charged with shooting at Thomas Callahan in Ellicott City with intent to kill, was concluded yesterday, with a verdict of not guilty.

Dr. R. M. Price, the State fire marshal, and his assistant, Charles V. Wanz, are attending the trial at Ellicott City of Frederick Hooker, charged with arson. Hooker conducted a jewelry store in Frederick, which was burned. Joseph Fehl, who was associated with Hooker in the store, is also to answer the same charge, and the trial will take up the balance of the week.

Black bass are being caught in the Pocomoke River weighing from a pound and a half to two pounds. Fish Commissioner Vincent within the past three years has placed 1,500 large-mouth black bass in the Pocomoke River.

### WIRES NOW CONNECT

#### SEATTLE WITH ALASKA

SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—According to news from Dawson, the last stretch of temporary wire required to connect Seattle with St. Michael's, Alaska, approximately 4,000 miles, is completed. Several weeks will elapse before the permanent wire is up.

It having been demonstrated that the cable from St. Michael's to Nome is a failure because of the great depth of ice, the Government proposes to put up overhead wires from St. Michael's to Nome next summer.

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## ENGINEERS WISH TO REMEMBER FULTON

Inventor of Steamboat Worked in  
the District.

The regular weekly meeting of Stationary Engineers of the District of Columbia, No. 1, was held Wednesday night at Twelfth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Reports of the subcommittees appointed to secure the national convention of the union for this city were read and accepted. A letter will be sent to the national headquarters in Chicago asking permission to use some of the local funds to mail circulars to each member of the national union, asking his views upon the desirability of holding the 1904 convention in Washington.

Another letter will be sent asking permission to issue a handsomely illustrated book which will be a guide-book to the Capital, and at the same time a plea for the city as a convention ground.

Joseph I. Keefer read a paper in which he urged that the national convention, if it meets in Washington, erect a tablet to the memory of Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat. It is not generally known that Fulton spent considerable time in Washington trying to perfect a submarine boat. The first experiments were tried at the old Adams mill on the Klingle Road, Mr. Keefer said. After he returned from Europe he visited his friend Count Rumford, (later changed to Rumford) of yeast powder fame, who lived on Kalamana Heights, and continued his submarine experiments in the creek in the rear of Oak Hill Cemetery.

Fulton's friend, Joel Barlow, the poet, lived near the count, and Fulton was in the habit of stopping at both houses. Barlow's house was standing until about five years ago, when it was demolished to make room for a more modern structure. Fulton died in 1815, and Count Rumford, or Rumford, about 1825. Barlow lived until 1846.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers placed a handsome tablet to Fulton's memory on his grave in Trinity churchyard, New York, in 1902, and the local stationary engineers are anxious to mark the spot where he did such important work in Washington.

### HEARING IN DAMAGE SUIT.

Hearing in the suit of James McGuirk against the Metropolitan Railroad Company to recover \$10,000 as damages for alleged personal injuries was begun yesterday in Circuit Court No. 2. McGuirk says on January 26, 1899, while attempting to get on a car at Ninth and F Streets northwest, he was seriously injured on his head, arms and legs.

## MONTH OF MARCH HOTTEST IN YEARS

Rain More Plentiful Than It Has  
Been Since 1891.

March, 1903, was the hottest March, on the average, since the Government meteorological records began to be systematically kept in 1871. Its mean temperature was 50 degrees. The average temperature for March since 1871 has been 42 degrees, and only twice in the thirty-three years has the average been as high as 49 degrees, those years being 1878 and 1898. March for the past three years has been getting warmer, the figures being—1901, 45 degrees; 1902, 47 degrees; 1903, 50 degrees. The year before this increase began there was a cold March, 33 degrees.

In connection with the warm weather in March it is interesting to note that since January 1 the year has been unusually warm. Each day from the first of the year to the present has averaged 3.4 degrees warmer than the normal. The coldest March in the last thirty-three years was in 1855, with an average of 34 degrees, and the next coldest was in 1872, with an average of 25 degrees.

Rain has been more plentiful this March than it has been since 1891. The precipitation last month was 5.73 inches, which has been equaled only five times in thirty-three years. The March precipitation in 1891 was 8.84 inches, the record for the period. In 1892 the March rainfall was 5.70 inches, and in 1893 it was 1.98. The banner dry March of the thirty-three years was in 1894, when only 0.58 inch of rain fell, or less than will fall on you most any day when you are far out in the country dressed in your only suit of Sunday clothes.

The cloudy weather was in proportion to the excess of rain. There were only eight days in the thirty-one recorded as clear, eleven were partly cloudy, and on twelve more than 0.01 inch of rain fell. March 21, 22 and 23 were the banner rainy days of the month, the precipitation for these days being 1.30, 1.12 and 1.41 inches respectively. The other day of the month which saw more than an inch of rain was last Monday, when 1.15 fell.

### INCREASED RECEIPTS OF NEW YORK POSTOFFICE

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